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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Big Piney, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

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President

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In the matter of:	)		
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	)	DM	
Table of Allotments	)	RM	
FM Broadcast Stations	)		
(Big Piney, Wyoming)	)		

#### PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 259C1 (99.7 Mhz) to Big Piney as its first local FM allotment.

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 259C1 (99.7 Mhz) to Big Piney and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 259C1 to Big Piney will have.

#### DISCUSSION

2. Big Piney is located in Western Wyoming. It is also located within Sublette County, a county of some 4843 persons. Big Piney has a population of 454 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 259C1 to Big Piney will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Big Piney is located at Pinedale, Wyoming. Pinedale is located 41 kilometers from Big Piney.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Big Piney is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Big Piney would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 41 Kilometers of Big Piney. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Big Piney area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 259C1 can be allotted to Big Piney and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<b>Proposed</b>	
Big Piney, Wyoming	******	259C1	

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 259C1 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 259C1 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 42 - 32' - 24", W. 110 - 06' - 42") are that of a site located within the community of Big Piney. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 259C1 to Big Piney. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Big Piney. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

#### CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Big Piney would benefit from the allotment of channel 259C1. It has also been shown that channel 259C1 can be allotted to Big Piney and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 259C1 for Big Piney, Wyoming , 73.202.
- 8. Should channel 259C1 be allotted to Big Piney I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Big Piney, Wyoming.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated:

December 20, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

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## MAPFM search of channel 259C1 (99.7 MHz), at N. 42 32 24, W. 110 6 42.

Search:	ing Channel 259C1 (9	9.7 MI	(z):						
CALL	CITY	5	T CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Fort Bridger	V	Y 256	C1	U	147.4	82.0	206.6°	65.4
KNYN	Fort Bridger	V	IY 256	C1	D	147.4	82.0	206.6°	65.4
KNYN	Fort Bridger	V	IY 256	C1	C	147.4	82.0	206.6°	65.4
K257DP	Pinedale	V	IY 257	D	L	37.1	0.0	24.4°	37.1
ALC	Bountiful	τ	T 258	C	U	274.2	209.0	218.5°	65.2
KURR	Bountiful	Į	T 258	C	L	274.2	209.0	218.5°	65.2
ALC	Saratoga	V	Y 259	C	A	282.9	270.0	113.4°	12.9
ALC	Saratoga	V	Y 259	C	A	282.9	270.0	113.4°	12.9
ALC	Burley	]	D 260	C	U	288.3	209.0	265.5°	79.3
KZDX	Burley	]	D 260	C	L	288.3	209.0	265.5°	79.3
ALC	Soda Springs	]	D 261	A	U	123.6	74.0	275.2°	49.6
KFIS	Soda Springs	]	D 261	A	L	123.6	74.0	275.2°	49.6

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
BIG PINEY, WYOMING
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING

Scale 1:250,000 1 inch represents 4 miles

Contour interval 300 feet (91.5 meters)